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## Grants Awarded To Milwaukee Non-Profits Helping Veterans

Madison – Today State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), after attending the presentation at the state capitol of grants to non-profit organizations whose purpose is to help veterans, issued the following statement.

"I was honored to help shepherd through the legislature a bill that would allow non-profit organizations that work to help veterans apply for grants from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Today, as the grants were announced, I was very pleased that some of the organizations doing good work for veterans in Milwaukee were included," said Carpenter.

"As the new legislative session begins today, I pledge that I will continue to fight to improve the lives of those who are serving, and have served in our armed forces," said Carpenter.

## Grant awardees in Milwaukee include:

Fisher House Wisconsin – for playground equipment at the Fisher House which provides military families housing close to a loved one during hospitalization;

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative – to help homeless veterans into housing and assess needed services;

Manufacturing Diversity Institute – to help veterans build and launch innovative manufacturing startup companies;

Milwaukee Area Technical College – to increase services provided to support student veterans and increase the retention and graduation rate of student veterans;

USO Wisconsin – to help keep military members connected to family, home and country throughout their service to the nation;

War Memorial Center – To provide community-wide recognition events in support of Milwaukee County and other veterans organizations;

WI Women business Initiative Corporation – To provide veterans with business planning while providing them the opportunity to pool knowledge of resources, support and empower one another, and access volunteer coaches and mentors; and

 Artists for the Humanities – Provides help to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) using a combination of expressive art coupled with mental health counseling.

Senator Carpenter was also pleased to announce that he would once again be the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Veteran's Committee in the new legislative session.

Senator Carpenter's press releases are available for review at <a href="http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/carpenter/PressReleases/">http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/carpenter/PressReleases/</a>

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